

Appl. No. 09/978,428
Amdt. dated Aug. 12, 2004
Reply to Office Action of May 27, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 21 remain in this application.

Claims 4 and 5 have been canceled.

Claim 21 is new.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 4 and 5 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Currently amended claim 1 substantially corresponds to claim 5 rewritten in independent form.

New claim 21 substantially corresponds to claim 4 rewritten in independent form.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted



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